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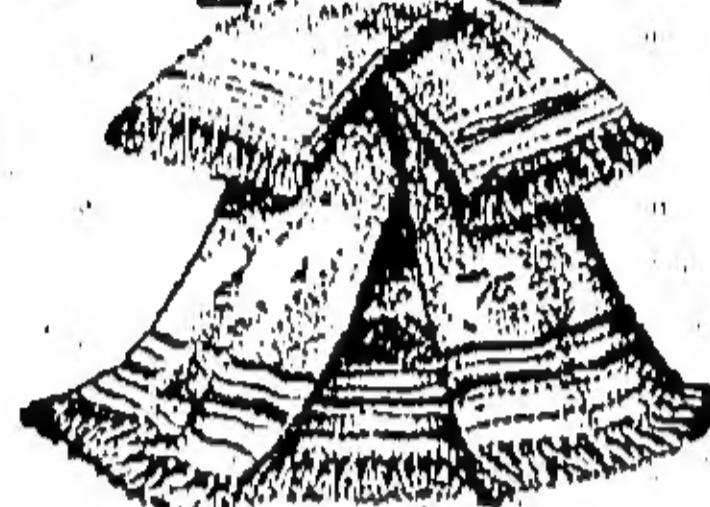
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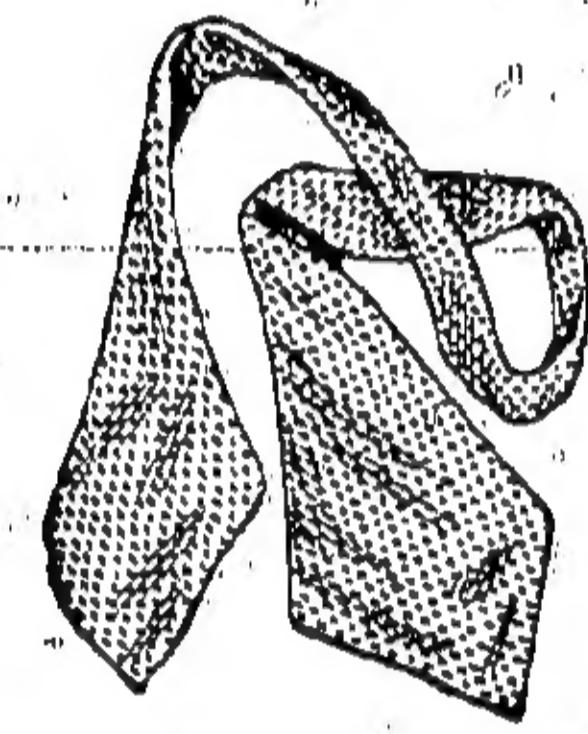


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RENTS RAMP.

TENANT SUGGESTS LOCAL "NATIONALISATION."

A PUBLIC UTILITY

Mortgagors to Blame for Increase?

An interesting suggestion, full of possibilities if practicable, is made by a tenant on the much discussed subject of rents control in the Colony:

Another correspondent alleges that blame must also be attached to those investing in loans on house property.

LIKE OTHER NEEDS.

Why Government Control is Necessary.

To the Editor of the "China Mail": Sir.—The Government exercise control over the electricity, tramway and telephone services in order that the interests of the public may be safeguarded. It is hardly necessary to state that items of expenditure incurred in connection with these public utility companies play far less important a part in the household budget than does that of rent.

If the Government considers it necessary in the best interests of the public that it should have the final say as to any increases in the price of the public services already mentioned how much more is it incumbent on them to set up machinery for safeguarding the tenant's interests in respect of one of the biggest items figuring in his budget—that of rent?

Dealing with a public utility company and with separate landlords are of course two very different things but if the principle is right in the one case then it is in the other and no consideration of the difficulties involved should influence the Government in ignoring the desirability of setting up a controlling organisation.

In June of this year a committee was appointed "to enquire into the general rise in the price of foods sold in the markets and to suggest steps which may be possible to effect a reduction of those prices." If such an organisation can be instituted in respect of food—and it is a very much more ticklish business to deal with multitudinous stallholders than with landlords—it can be instituted in respect of rents.

The very fact that in many cases tenants have been obliged through lack of suitable alternative accommodation to endeavour to meet the increases demanded by the landlords is sufficient indication that the supply of such types of houses or flats has not overtaken the demand—rebutting the statements made in Council when it was decided to drop restriction. The Government cannot wash their hands of responsibility in this manner and it is up to them to put in hand some organisation for the control of rents on a fair basis.

Yours, etc.,

A TENANT.
Hongkong, August 11.

A COMPOUND ISSUE.

Alleged Exploitation of Tenants.

To the Editor of the "China Mail": Sir.—There is one aspect of the Hongkong rents scandal that has received little publicity. Will you therefore be kind enough to accord me space in your valuable columns to make it known?

Financiers who engage in mortgage on property are also to be blamed for putting rents unduly up. Does this seem strange to you, Sir? It may but the element of surprise will not be there if you have gone through what I endured. My house was hypothecated just before the strike began. Values have now fallen. When the year was up, no complaint it being his last, was foreclosed. Against that I had no complaint being his last due. Then came the natural sequence, the sale by public auction. Suffice it to say that I still owe a considerable sum to make good the deficiency because

EUROPEAN'S LOSS.

JEWELLERY THEFT AT THE PEAK.

OLD SERVANT SUSPECTED.

A Peak resident has lost a valuable diamond ring among other articles of jewellery from his residence.

The report of the loss made to the police by Mr. E. B. C. Hornell of 304 The Peak, states that it took place between Monday and yesterday.

The missing articles comprised a white gold diamond ring set in platinum, a gold necklace with cross attached, and another gold chain with a sapphire pendant. These were taken from a jewel case in the bedroom.

Suspicion rests on a former house coolie who had been staying in the servants' quarters during the past two days and was found to have disappeared when the loss was discovered.

THE OTHER SIDE.

TENANT CLEARS NAME OF LANDLORD.

RENTS NOT RAISED.

To remove an impression that they are being exploited by their landlord—and to explain that they are still in business, a Chinese restaurant in town has inserted a notice in a vernacular paper which may be read as:—

"Our restaurant has not been closed up, nor are we shutting down because the landlord has exerted pressure.

"We are closed for two weeks for structural alterations. At the request of the P.W.D. the landlord is constructing a concrete staircase. The work will be in the way of business and our doors will again be open on completion."—Reuter.

The notice, as is customary, also expresses thanks to patrons and to traders who have "deeply trusted us."

This restaurant occupies three ground floors and was only started after the strike began.

CHINESE COMMITS SUICIDE.

A Chinese, 22 years old, died in Hospital on Monday as a result of poisoning, which was believed to have been self-administered.

Now transpires that the man, a fok of a medicine shop at Shamshui po, felt perceptibly ill at 10 a.m. on that day—one hour before his death—and admitted to his wife that he took poison in the early morning.

A fresh case of enteric fever was notified on Wednesday. The patient was a Chinese from the Shaukiwan district.

the amount I borrowed equal to 8 per cent. of the value at that time.

Once that property was out of my hands, tenants received notices increasing rentals by an average, in round sums, of 55 per cent. It is only now that I have discovered the fact that the buyer at the auction was acting in the interests of the mortgagee. What assumption can a business man make? I can only conclude that to get the best out of a bad bargain rents have been raised so that the present value of the property will go up pro rata. On the basis of value in ratio to revenue the mortgagee artificially puts up the price. He then recovers his outlay. I have lost all along the line. That is only a side issue but why should tenants suffer for an error of judgment by the mortgagee and by me?

This aspect of the evil of non-control needs great emphasis. Landlords are open to exploitation simply because other people have

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Hongkong, August 12.

AIR PERILS.

AN AMERICAN WAR HERO'S FATE.

JUMP FROM MACHINE.

Dayton (Ohio), August 11. Lieutenant Barksdale, who was officially credited with bringing down four German aeroplanes during the war, crashed and was killed.

Barksdale jumped clear of his machine, but the parachute did not open as it was too near the ground. —Reuter.

OBITUARY.

B.Q.M.S. JACOBS OF THE R.A.

FUNERAL TO-DAY.

We regret to have to record the death of Battery Quarter-Master Sergeant Jacobs, of the 88th Heavy Battery, Royal Artillery, stationed at "Stonecutter's Island."

Death took place at the Military Hospital at 9.10 p.m. yesterday after a brief but acute illness lasting six days.

Deceased leaves behind a large family with whom the greatest sympathy will be felt. Besides his wife and six children (five sons and a daughter) who are at present in Hongkong, another son is serving with the British Army stationed in German territory.

The funeral will take place at the Protestant Cemetery at Happy Valley, leaving the Medical Inspection Room, Wellington Barracks, at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

COLONY'S WEALTH.

FIGURES WHICH SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

SUBSTANTIAL SURPLUS.

An important statement with regard to the year's working was made by the Colonial Secretary in Council this afternoon in moving the first reading of an Ordinance to authorise the appropriation of a supplementary sum of \$832,249.52.

Certain troubles had occurred during the year, he said, and it was interesting to note that the actual figures for 1925 showed a revenue of \$234 millions and an expenditure of \$284 millions, a deficit of only \$5,022,052.

Thus, in spite of the boycott the revenue had exceeded the estimate by \$14,365, only just less than a million dollars below the record year of 1924, and well above that of 1921 and 1922.

The expenditure was of necessity some extent curtailed and in spite of unexpected calls on the revenue of the Colony the expenditure was kept below the estimate by over two million dollars.

It would thus be seen that the year closed with a very substantial surplus of assets over liabilities of the sum of \$8,113,482, a figure which within the last ten years had only been exceeded on three occasions.

[See also page 6.]

BLOW COMING?

TYphoon Forming About 1,000 Miles Away.

LATEST FORECAST.

Indications are that a typhoon may come this way again, but not for a few days at least.

The last position given was "within 120 miles of Lat. 15 N., Long. 132 E." which is further away than Luzon, or approximately a thousand miles from Hongkong.

But the direction, West-North-West, lies towards this part of the south China coast.

Then again, the Observatory, at 10.40 a.m. to-day, stated:

A trough of low pressure extends from the middle of the China Sea to far east of Luzon. A typhoon may be forming in its eastern extremity.

The locality referred to corresponds with that of the report quoted above.

The weather report also states:

Pressure has decreased moderately over central China and slightly at the majority of other stations. It is low over N.E. China and high over the Bonins.

Till noon to-morrow the official weather forecast is:—Light east or variable winds; fine.

AMBULANCE PROMOTIONS.

Section Commander J. Ralston, of the Kowloon Division, St. John Ambulance Brigade, has been appointed to the rank of Corps Superintendent. Sergeant E. Savage, has been promoted Section Commander.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/2 1/16.

PRINCE OF SIAM.

HERE ON EDUCATIONAL TOUR.

LEAVES FOR MANILA.

Report to King On Systems Obtaining.

Passing through Hongkong on the way to Manila and the Philippines and later to Japan is a distinguished visitor in the person of Prince Dahni, of Siam.

Prince Dahni, who is accompanied by his sister, Princess Sibpan, is engaged on a special mission from the King of Siam to report on the educational systems obtaining in the places he visits. The tour will be of several months' duration.

Chatting with a "China Mail" representative this morning, Prince Dahni, who talks excellent English (he was educated at Oxford), said that since education was made compulsory in Siam some seven years ago considerable progress has been made in the establishing of elementary and secondary schools in Siam. The newly founded University at Bangkok was progressing—it has at present three faculties, those of medicine, engineering and politics.

Elementary Education.

It was chiefly with regard to elementary education that the King, together with the Government, was most anxious that progress should be made; added the Prince, and his observations during his tour would be chiefly confined to this. He had hoped, however, that during his stay here he would have the opportunity of visiting the University and schools whilst in session. This had been impossible but he had spoken to H.E. the Governor, also the Vice-Chancellor of the University and the Director of Education who had been of considerable assistance to him.

The King of Siam, said Prince Dahni, was anxious to incorporate into the educational system of Siam methods which had been tried with success elsewhere and it was as a result that the present tour had been undertaken. Siam had its Department of Education and a special Minister for Education and any proposals which might arise out of the report would be submitted to them. Much had already been done in regard to higher education as the result of measures introduced based on the experience of students from Siam who had been educated in Britain, America, Germany, France and Japan.

The Cholera Outbreak.

The Prince also made a passing reference to the cholera outbreak at Bangkok which had received a great deal of publicity. Reports had, he thought, been

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SHANGHAI MARKET REPORT.

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while a good deal of this contracting is likely to prove remunerative, it cannot be said that this will be so in every case. Clearances have been fair. Cloth has not participated in the activity attendant upon yarn, and there is comparatively little doing. Spot quotations for yarn are as follows:—10's 122 136; 12's 130 142; 16's 136 146; 20's 148 159. On the Chinese Cotton Goods Exchange yesterday morning the total dealt in amounted to 7,500 bales, the morning's closing rates for 16's being as follows:—August 12, 20; September 14, 60; October 15; November 145, 30; December 145, 80; January 146.

American Cotton.—American cotton is about 70 points down on the week. "On" Tuesday the next Government report on condition and estimate of the crop should be received here, and it is awaited with great interest. New York quotation.—October 17, 28; December 17, 21; January 17, 26; March 17, 44; May 17, 59; spot 18, 75; highest October 17, 42; lowest October 17, 17. Liverpool quotations:—October 17, 17; January 9, 11; spot 9. Compared with the previous day Liverpool is from 16 to 20 points lower.

Egyptian Cotton.—On the week Egyptian cotton is about 50 points lower. Quotations—Sekkhardt, spot, 15, 90; Alexandria quotations—Sekkhardt, November, 29, 38; January 29, 08. Alexandria quotations are about 20 points down.

Indian Cotton.—F. G. Bengal December 1, 268; Fine Omara, December 1, 315; F. G. Branch July, 246. Sampus.—Thursday afternoon's closing:—August 25, 26; September 26, 50; October 25, 90; November 25, 50; December 25, 90; January 25; February 25, 90. Yesterday morning's closing:—August 25; September 25; October 25, 60; November 25, 10; December 25, 60; January 25, 30; February 25, 90.

In their weekly reports on the cotton market Messrs. J. Spunt & Co. state:—

China Cotton.—Since the issue of our last report, we have experienced a succession of firm markets; prices on the whole ruled about half a tael higher than that prevailing during the previous period.

The principal factor contributive to the strengthening of the local markets was the continued drought in many important sections of the cotton belt, though little complaint of damage has been thus far received. It is generally believed that the crop is now two to three weeks later than normal.

As to the future trend of the market, such will depend almost entirely on new crop advances; however, in the event of continuance of the very dry atmospheric conditions now being experienced, some further advance in the rates would seem probable, but with a period of rainy weather intervening, the situation would change quickly.

Yarn.—During the past week there has been no change in the fundamental conditions of the yarn market. Fluctuations were within narrow limits, but with a firm tendency at the close of the week, in all some 7,000 to 8,000 bales of local spinnings have been booked for export and about 6,000 bales direct booking with the mills has been recorded.

The quiet which was previously in evidence in the silk market was broken at the end of last week by American purchases. These included 500 bales of middle class steam flutings on behalf of a very well-known firm at prices from Tls. 1,050 to Tls. 1,060.

European agents have made purchases of some high grade steam flutings at Tls. 1,175 for Grand Double Extra and Tls. 1,165 for Double Extra, while also there have been a few purchases of Extra "B" and Extra "C" at slightly firmer prices. These transactions are probably for Lyons.

As regards Tsatslou there is news of firmer markets in the interior, and accordingly better prices have ruled, a few lots changing hands at a rise of about Tls. 10 over last week's prices. At the moment there is little inquiry, as with the improvement in the French franc local holders expect to see firmer prices in the European market.

As regards Canton silk the market firmed up at the beginning of the week on buying by New York, and prices rose about 5 per cent. The market closed quiet but steady.

Tea.—Hankow Tea.—Two chaps have been settled in Hankow at prices which show a decline of from Tls. 3 to Tls. 5.

There is nothing doing in Shanghai except for a few Keemun and Ningchow fannings.

Country greens remain a very quiet market. Two or three chaps of fine Chunmees have been settled at a decline of Tls. 8 to Tls. 5, and a few Fyuchow Gunpowders at Tls. 69/80.

Soumees are unchanged and business is small.

County Chops.—Some 6,000 h.c. have been settled to date. Stock is 4,000 h.c.

Pingsueys.—There is still a

POSTAL STRIKE.

HOW CANTON G.P.O. MEN RETURNED.

MAILS UP-COUNTRY.

Canton, Aug. 10.

In compliance with the order of the Canton Government, the postal workers temporarily resumed work on Monday. At 6 a.m. the lower clerks of the post office, the sorters and the postmen returned to the General Post Office and its branches respectively to resume work. "Simultaneously, the Postal authorities also despatched the higher clerks to resume their duties. All letters and mails, which had been taken to Shamoon during the strike were taken back to the Post office.

It is reported that postal workers in Fatsuan, Kengtung, Swatow and districts along the West River also resumed work at the same time. At present, postal services throughout the province have been resumed as usual temporarily pending settlement in the future.

CIVIL SERVICE.

CANTON SYSTEM FOR TRAINING.

Canton, Aug. 10.

The Civil Service Training Institute, under the Department of Civil Administration, which was established last year to train suitable candidates for official posts, has been conducting two classes divided into first and second terms.

Over 40 students graduated on the completion of the first term recently. Tse Ying-chow, the Dean of the Institute, has reported their names to the Department of Civil Administration, for official appointments.

Graduate Wong Chak has been recommended for the post of district magistrate at Yung Yuen while graduate Ho Ping-ham is to be district magistrate of Hoi Kin.

The other graduates will be assigned to suitable appointments in the near future.

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JURY FAILS TO BELIEVE STORY.

CASE NOW CLOSED.

Los Angeles, Cal., August 8.—Sufficient evidence has not yet been found to warrant an indictment in the alleged kidnapping of Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson, the evangelist, the grand jury reported.

The report is interpreted as a failure to substantiate the story told by the evangelist about being kidnapped by two men and a woman and taken to Mexico where she was held for ransom.

The foreman of the grand jury stated that the case was closed so far as the jury was concerned, but if Mrs. McPherson cares to continue her effort to substantiate her story the jury will receive additional testimony.

Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson disappeared on May 18 from Ocean Park beach near Los Angeles, where she had been swimming. She told a story of entering an automobile with two men and a woman, after the woman had asked her to go to the bedside of her baby and pray for her as they have for the average girl, who has never had them. She has youth and beauty—is clever and attractive, and naturally there are men, who are willing enough to help her to lead the kind of life she thinks she wants.

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NEW ADMIRAL.

PROMOTION FOR COMMODORE STIRLING.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICES.

Canton, Aug. 10.

Congratulations will be extended to Commodore A. J. B. Stirling, C.B., R.N., in his promotion to the rank of Rear-Admiral, official news of which was received in Hongkong yesterday.

It is anticipated that the new Admiral will continue to serve at Hongkong until due for relief in December of this year.

Admiral Stirling, who entered the Navy in 1889 and joined H.M.S. "Nile" on the Mediterranean Station as a Naval Cadet in June 1891, first served on the China Station 1899 when as Lieutenant in H.M.S. "Barfleur" he took part in the Boxer troubles. He was wounded in the leg during these operations and invalided home.

Subsequently, he returned to active operations as Commander and later Captain, serving throughout the war in destroyer flotillas in command of H.M. ships "Stark," "Faulknor" and "Saumarez."

For his services at the battle of Jutland, when as commander of the 12th destroyer flotilla, he inflicted considerable damage and sank the German battleship "Pommern," also for his other war services, he was made a Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Military Division, and decorated with the French Legion of Honour and Russian Order of St. Anne with swords.

At the conclusion of the term, Admiral Stirling served as Chief of Staff to the Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth and later commanded the large aircraft carrier "Argus." He came to Hongkong after commanding the Atlantic Fleet Destroyer base at Fort Edgar in Scotland.

The new Admiral, who during his term as Commodore here has taken a large part in the social life of the Colony, is the son of Col. J. S. Stirling of Gargravock, Shropshire. He was educated at the Royal Naval School, New

cross.

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MEXICO MARU Thursday, 12th August.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.

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ALASKA MARU Thursday, 19th August.

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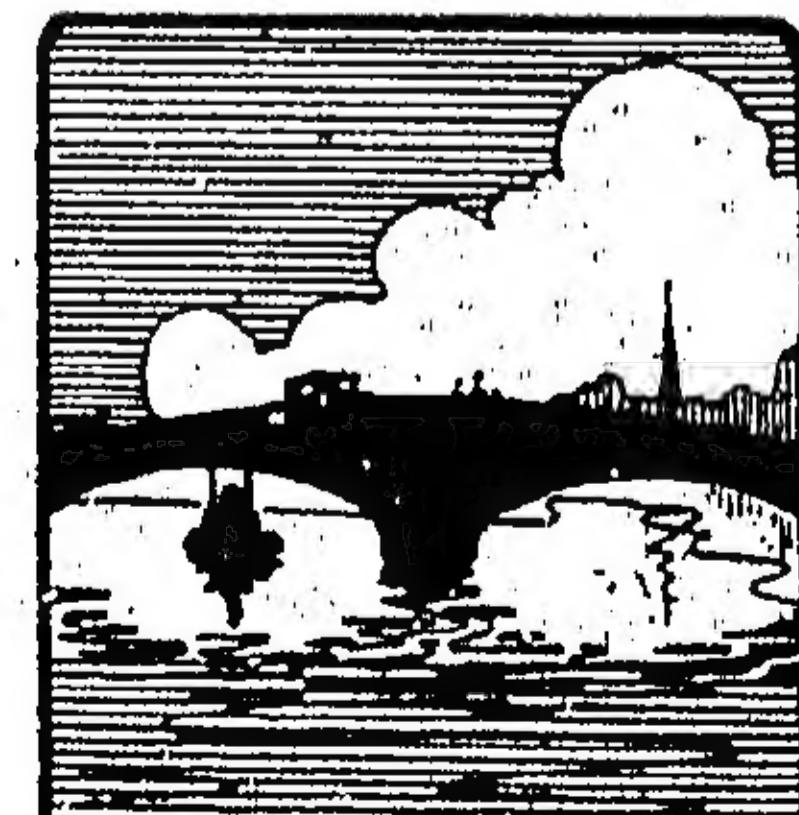
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OPEN FIRE ON HONGKONG
JUNK.

SEIZED, LICENCE.

How Canton "strike" pickets approached British waters and committed an outrage is briefly described in a report to the authorities here.

A cargo junk left Hongkong for Deep Bay, in the New Territories, beyond which is Chinese territory.

Pickets in a junk, from Chek Wan (the bay just beyond), came up and opened fire on the boat. An order to stop was compiled with.

The strikers then boarded the Hongkong junk and took away her licence. The boat was in ballast so there was no cargo. The crew were not interfered with.

ARRIVALS.

MAIL AND CARGO FOR
HONGKONG.

SHIPS IN PORT.

The s.s. Linna of the China Navigation Co. arrived in port yesterday morning from Shanghai via Tsingtao, with 1,100 tons of general cargo from Shanghai and about 100 tons from Tsingtao. She is scheduled to leave for Shanghai to-morrow at 5 p.m.

The s.s. President McKinley arrived in port yesterday at 5.30 p.m. nine hours behind her scheduled time. The low tide at the Yangtze River delayed her departure from Shanghai. She has 1,500 tons of general cargo for Hongkong and 10 cabin passengers for Hongkong.

The s.s. Changte of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, arrived in port at 7.00 p.m. yesterday from Australia and Manila. She is taking passengers and general cargo for Hongkong and 78 bags of mail. She will sail for her return voyage on August 18.

The s.s. Mexico Maru, of the Osaka Shosen Kaihatsu line, arrived in port yesterday afternoon with 300 tons of general cargo from Kobe and Moji—mostly consisting of cotton goods. She will sail for Singapore to-day at 5.00 p.m.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND
CLEARANCES.

THE MORNING LIST.

This morning, the following sea-going arrivals at Hongkong were reported:—

Autolycus (4859) Br. from Taku Bar, Shanghai; B. & S. Changte (2579) Br. from Melbourne, Manila; B. & S.

Telmachus (1340) Br. from Saigon; Wo Fat Sing.

Kueichow (1220) Br. from Tientsin, Weihaiwei; B. & S.

Venezia (4877) Ital. from Yokohama; Shanghai; Dowell.

Pct. McKinley (8400) Am. from Seattle, Shanghai; Dollar Line.

Motor boat San Kwong Loong and a trading junk, \$15 each, for being without regulation navigation lights.

Four cargo boats, \$5 each, for obstructing Wing Lok Street steps.

For not observing rule of road: motor cargo boat Kwong Sang \$10 and the steam launch Hop Wo \$5.

Departures.

For Shanghai: Yatshing, Changte.

For Bangkok: Kweiyang.

For Manila: Empress of Asia.

For Swatow: Kotsu Maru, Van Overstraten.

For Kwong-chow-wan: Hanoi.

For Singapore: Venezia.

For Haiphong: Borneo.

Clearances.

For Muntok: Tjisondari.

For Hoihow: Tean.

SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following numbers of vessels were in port:—

British 22
American 1
Panama 1
German 1
Japanese 3
Chinese 10
Dutch 5
French 1
Portuguese 2

Total 46

KWANTUNG RIVERS.

Waterlevels (In English Feet)
at 8 a.m.

Aug. 9 Aug. 10.

West River at Shihlung + 23.0 + 18.9

North River at Tsinbyuen + 7.0 + 6.9

North River at Samahui + 12.0 + 11.0

East River at Sheklung + 4.2 + 4.2

THE MARIE CELESTE.

A MYSTERY OF FIFTY
YEARS.A CONCOCTION FROM
BEGINNING.

The July number of "Chamber's Journal" contains, under the signature of "Lee Kave," what is offered as "the true story of the brig Marie Celeste, and an exact and complete explanation of the mystery which has hung round her name." The case of the Marie Celeste is one of the most famous of sea mysteries, and hitherto no satisfactory solution had been found. All accounts of the story state that the Marie Celeste was sighted in the Atlantic on December 7, 1872, under a full spread of canvas, and was found to have no life on board, although none of her boats had been launched, and she had many signs of very recent occupation, such as cups of tea, still lukewarm, poured out, and ready for consumption. The present solution of the affair is given on the authority of Mr. John Pemberton, who was cook upon the ship, and who survives at the age of seventy-seven.

It is explained that the Marie Celeste sailed from New York for Genoa, with a cargo of railway timber and whale oil, another vessel, the Del Gratia, being chartered to carry a surplus of oil which the Marie Celeste could not carry. The Del Gratia also lent three of her men to complete the crew of the Marie Celeste, which included ten souls in all, including the captain's wife. During the voyage the captain's wife met with a fatal accident, and the captain went out of his mind and disappeared—believed to have jumped overboard. Considerable drunkenness followed, and in a quarrel one man was pushed overboard and drowned. When close off San Marta, the mate and two others went ashore in a bum-boat, and being in a state of drunkenness, did not return. That left four on board—the cook and the three men belonging to the Del Gratia.

The party decided to cruise along towards Gibraltar in the hope of intercepting the latter vessel, and on the morning of December 7 she was sighted. It was the captain of the Del Gratia who reported "finding" the Marie Celeste as a "derelict"—the motive being easily supplied by her value as salvage. The mystery of the "abandoned" ship, therefore, was a concoction from the beginning.

In addition to Mr. Pemberton, it is believed that another member of the crew of the Marie Celeste, Mr. Jock Dossell, may also be alive.

THE MORNING LIST.

HARBOUR OFFENCES.

TO-DAY'S CASES AT MARINE
COURT.

Six cases were heard at the Marine Court this morning, the Magistrate (Lt.-Com. G. F. Hole, R.N.) imposing fines as follows:—

Coxswain of steam launch Elsie, for going abreast two other craft alongside the Empress of Australia, \$20 (after admitting three previous convictions).

Motor boat San Kwong Loong and a trading junk, \$15 each, for being without regulation navigation lights.

Four cargo boats, \$5 each, for obstructing Wing Lok Street steps.

For not observing rule of road: motor cargo boat Kwong Sang \$10 and the steam launch Hop Wo \$5.

JAPANESE STEAMER
FIRED ON.

Tokyo, August 6.—According to a communiqué issued by the Naval Department, the Nisshin Kaiun Kaihatsu s.s. "Yuno Maru" was furiously fired upon by Chinese troops at Wanhsien, Fengtu, and Peichow in the upper reaches of the Yangtze River on her way to Chungking, where she arrived on the evening of August 3. The firing between Fengtu and Peichow lasted more than an hour. One Chinese sailor was seriously wounded, and damage inflicted on the hull of the steamer, which was bespattered with bullet marks.

Seattle, July 31.—The "Yonan Maru," a Japanese vessel, signalled for aid to-day, saying that she had broken both of her propellers. The ship failed to give her exact position but it is believed that she is about 1,500 miles off the Canadian coast.

London, July 22.—The Port of London Authority has awarded Sir Robert McAlpine & Sons, Ltd., the contract to improve Tilbury Docks, so as to accommodate the largest vessels afloat, at a cost of £2,750,000. It is expected that it will take nearly five years to complete this part of the large scheme of improvement, the total cost of which is estimated at £4,000,000.

PANAMA CANAL.

OFFICIAL WARNING ISSUED TO
STEAMSHIP OWNERS.

SHIPS A MENACE.

Steamship owners and agents on the Pacific Coast have received a communication from Mr. John Downs, marine superintendent of the department of operation and maintenance of the Panama Canal Zone, pointing out certain problems and conditions at the Canal. A copy of the communication is as follows:

1. There is a growing custom of certain ships bound through the Canal from the West Coast to carry large deckloads of lumber which, in some cases, prevent the safe handling of the ship in the locks. In this connection, your attention is called to Rules 3, 3.1, and 3.2 of the rules and regulations governing navigation of the Panama Canal.

2. Waist chocks and bits are frequently either entirely covered or so little space left around them that there is not sufficient room for the Canal seamen to have easy access in hauling in and letting go the lines. Frequently ships will have the waist bits entirely covered with lumber with a wire pennant and shackle led out through the chock. There are several serious faults in this. The most important fault is that the Canal seamen have no fair room in securing and letting go the eye of the towing wire in the shackle. Owing to the heavy strain which comes on these towing wires, the shackle is sometimes sprung, making it extremely difficult to remove the pin, also the sharp nip of the shackle on the eye of the towing wire either strands the wire or parts it entirely. It is an important matter that when a ship enters a lock the towing wires may be put aboard and secured quickly and it is also equally important that after a ship leaves a lock, the lines may be all cast off promptly on signal. If, after the signal to cast off lines is given, the ship starts ahead and there is any difficulty or delay in casting off one line, serious consequences might follow.

3. The reason for the necessity of leaving space about the bits is that Canal deckhands must have room in which to work hauling in the towing wire, the weight of which, varying directly with the length to be hauled in, is sometimes sufficient to tax the strength of the two men. In leaving a well around the bits, it is essential that it be not decked over and that every effort be made to improve the visibility between the bridge and the bits.

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Kalyan	9,144	4th Sept.	Amoy, C'p'lun, L'don, A'werp & Hull
Nagpore	5,283	14th Sept.	M'lles, L'don, H'burg, R'dam & A'werp
Kidderpore	5,334	13th Sept.	S'pore, Penang, Calcutta & Bombay
Malwa	10,941	18th Sept.	Marseilles & London
Kashgar	9,005	2nd Oct.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
Morea	14,018	10th Oct.	Marseilles & London
Khyber	9,114	30th Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
Mantua	10,902	13th Nov.	Marseilles & London
Karmala	9,125	27th Nov.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
Macedonia	11,089	11th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
Delta	8,097	25th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
Malwa	10,941	8th Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
Kalyan	9,144	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
Morea	13,018	5th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
Kashgar	9,005	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp

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TAKADA	6,049	4th Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
SANTHA	7,754	8th Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
THIWA	10,005	21st Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TALAMBA	8,018	— Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
SHIRALA	7,841	3rd Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

TANDA	6,956	27th Aug.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st Oct.	Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and
ARAFURA	0,000	29th Oct.	Melbourne.

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TAKADA	6,049	16th Aug. 6 a.m.	Amoy, Moji and Kobe
KIDDERPORE	5,334	18th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MALWA	10,541	19th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
SANTHA	7,754	23rd Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TILAWA	10,006	31st Aug.	Yokohama only
NELLORE	8,683	1st Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TALAMBA	8,018	3rd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KASHGAR	9,005	3rd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	7th Sept.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MOREA	10,918	10th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	26th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	1st Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MANTUA	10,902	5th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KARMALA	9,128	29th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DEVANHA	8,156	30th Oct.	Shanghai and Kobe
TANDA	6,956	2nd Nov.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
Macedonia	11,089	13th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DELTA	8,007	27th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	7th Dec.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MALWA	10,941	10th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KALYAN	9,114	24th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	4th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MOREA	10,918	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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REPORTS OF TWO LEADING COMPANIES.

K.P.M.'S HOPEFUL PROSPECT.

Two of the leading Dutch steamship companies whose headquarters are in Amsterdam have recently issued their annual reports, and these serve to throw into sharp contrast the varied conditions under which trade is carried on in different parts of the Eastern hemisphere. That of the Koninklijke Paketvaart Maatschappij, all of whose services are in connection with the East Indies, Straits Settlements, and Australia, is as satisfactory a document from every viewpoint as the report of the Java-China-Japan Line is depressing and pessimistic.

The directors of the K.P.M. state that the good prices obtainable for East Indian produce, particularly rubber last year, led to an increase in the volume of freight for private account. Passenger traffic was also brisk, notably as regards deck passengers, on account of the big demand for labour on the outposts. Full employment could be found for the fleet practically throughout the year, and in the last few months the partial failure of the Java rice crop resulted in the substantial offers of foreign rice for carriage.

In all, the K.P.M. have 14 ships on the stocks or on order in Holland; whilst in the East Indies they have building a stern-wheel steamer Teba, which will be used for river services on the east coast of Sumatra. Their old Van Outshoorn, which was built in 1896, has been disposed of at a price in excess of the book value.

A Sharp Contrast.

In contrast to this very satisfactory position of affairs is the report of the directors of the Java-China-Japan Line, in which it is stated that political and military operations in China have proved very depressing to trade. In addition, sugar freight rates to Japan have been and still are at an unremunerative level, as the importation is in the hands of a few powerful concerns which can demand and enforce their own terms so long as the present abundance of tonnage continues.

On the other hand, return cargo from Japan last year increased to some extent, but passenger traffic continued to decline.

The profit on voyage accounts is returned at 1,482.215 fl. (as compared with 1,312,162 fl. in 1924), but the total profit, including balance brought forward and profit on insurance accounts, is only 1,507,609 fl. against over 2½ millions the year before. After making provision for interest and depreciation, there remains a balance of 9,690 fl. which has been carried forward to the current account, no dividend being paid.

The great unrest in China inevitably had a bad influence on the trade of the Deli-Straits-China Line, on which only 24 round trips were made, during the strike at Hongkong sailings had to be suspended for a few weeks. On the Deli-Rangoon line two sailings per month were maintained, and trade showed some improvement.

On the Java-Bangkok route regular monthly sailings were carried on, and from September two sailings per month were maintained on the Java-Siam line, the number of trips made being 16, as in 1924, but considerably more cargo was carried.

The accounts show that the gross profit on voyages amounted to 11,682.779 fl. (as compared with 9,048,036 fl. in 1924), the total gross profit being 12,312,263 fl., against 9,660,867 fl. Out of this latter total 3,927,700 fl. has been set aside for depreciation of the fleet, 1,679,071 fl. for depreciation of sites in India, 225,000 fl. for taxes in the Netherlands, 161,818 fl. for reserve fund, 673,741 fl. for insurance fund, and 174,492 fl. for repair fund, leaving a net profit of 5,436,363 fl. against 4,224,242 fl. a year ago.

The Panama Canal Company has given notice that it has discontinued salvage operations in other than canal zone waters. The only exception will be where great emergency exists. Probably private enterprise will provide what the Canal Company now relinquishes, but according to a New York contemporary, the Panama Canal will continue to dispatch towboats for the purpose of bringing disabled vessels into port, provided such vessels are not disabled at a greater distance than 1,000 miles from the Atlantic or Pacific terminals of the Canal.

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PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

List of passengers arrived by the a.s. "President McKinley" from Seattle via Ports, on August 11.

For Hongkong: Mr. G. Burton, Mrs. V. Chen, Mrs. R. Chow, Master B. Chow, Master W. Chow, Mr. Ching Hung-hin, Mr. C. C. Gan, Mr. E. H. Gibson, Mr. Ho Fun-hui, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Lee Woo, Mr. W. Lian, Mrs. Lock Wei, Mr. Moy Poy-yow, Mr. G. A. Moskovski, Mrs. J. Rosen, Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith, Mrs. M. B. Young, Mrs. B. Smith, Mrs. M. B. Young, For Manila: Hon. and Mrs. W. H. Atwell, Mrs. C. Beck, Mrs. I. L. Burke, Miss H. Burke, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Fenach, Mr. G. F. Flynn, Mr. F. O. Flynn, Mrs. O. N. Gibson, Mr. S. R. Hawthorne, Mr. R. R. Hind, Col. and Mrs. C. H. Lee, Miss K. Nance, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Pond, Mrs. J. True and Miss A. N. Yakimienko.

DEPARTURES.

List of passengers departed by the a.s. "Empress of Asia" for Manila, on August 11.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Amundsen, Mr. L. Amundsen, Miss E. Amundsen, Mr. C. Altura, Mr. Aug Tek-tay, Mr. Aug Poe, Mr. T. T. Au, Mrs. J. P. Braga, Mr. N. Braga, Mr. J. Braga, Mrs. A. H. Block, Miss C. Block, Miss E. H. Banner, Mr. Chung Cay-him, Mr. Co Sim-ai, Mr. H. Clay, Mrs. F. Clave, Miss M. Davies, Mrs. L. Dietiker, Mr. N. Dalupond, Mr. C. Doty, Mr. T. Dover, Miss A. Dillingher, Miss A. S. Dran, Mr. Wm. W. Donnelly, Mr. D. Chien-hong, Mr. and Mrs. C. Eleasar, Mr. L. Fischer, Miss H. E. Field, Mr. L. Flegley, Mr. R. Hannigan, Mr. H. Y. Choy-hun, Mr. Lim Kim-chi, Mr. Luis Tan, Dr. A. R. Lilles, Mr. Lau Choi-fook, Mr. T. F. Loudon, Mr. A. Z. Landry, Mr. T. Laserte, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. MacMillan, Rev. W. W. McLane, Mr. and Mrs. R. Nakai, Miss Nakai, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Peeling, Mr. F. Pulliam, Mr. A. Paris, Mr. J. M. Pyff, Mr. J. D. Rosario, Mr. and Mrs. F. Ratzamberger, Mr. A. Stern, Mr. N. Shipoff, Miss M. Shipoff, Mr. N. Shipoff, Mrs. F. A. Stevenson, Miss H. Stevenson, Mr. W. W. Sigler, Miss Tan It; Mr. S. Talav

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NAVY LEAGUE.

There is a branch of the Navy
League in Hongkong, but its
membership and its activities are
much, too limited in a seaport

that depends so much as ours on
naval supremacy and maritime
efficiency. We have just perused
a report of the annual meeting of

the Grand Council of the Navy
League, from which it is gratifying
to find that the position of the
League to-day is as strong as it
has ever been.

The old traditional lines on
which the Navy League were

founded were to insist upon ade-
quate naval defence of the Em-
pire, first of all, because it is be-
lieved that is the only method of

really securing the safety of the
British Isles and of the Empire
itself; secondly, because it is be-
lieved that a strong Navy is the
best pledge for peace that the
world can have; and, thirdly, be-
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bring forth, whatever scientific
inventions bring to the fore, sea
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ing sea power has no substitute,
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MODERN ROMANCE.

FESTIVAL OF 7 HEAVENLY SISTERS.

"MILKY WAY" REUNION.

Ladies' Day: A Basin of Water for Beauty.

For the last week or two, those
who have passed up Wellington
Street by Lyndhurst Terrace must
have noticed a marked increase in
the number of girls and young
ladies patronising the stores
there, the haberdashers. Many
are of opinion that the crowds
are attracted by the reductions
that are being given by these
shops. However, this is not the
sole reason. These shops only
give a special reduction once a
year, during the week prior to this
festival of the 7th night, when
face powder and other goods used
by the fair sex, are purchased in
great quantities, to offer as sacrifices
to the Fairy Princesses.

For the Fair Sex.

Saturday is the 7th day of the
7th moon according to the Chinese
calendar, the day on which this
festival falls. Although it is
not one of the four major feasts,
it may properly be ranked among
the festivities of minor importance,
and is still strictly observed
by the Chinese, especially by the
young members, to trace the
origin of the festival.

The belief is held that once
upon a time, there lived on the
east bank of the River in the
Kingdom of Heaven a weaver, a
daughter of the Heavenly King.
She was, as it is conjectured,
very pretty and extraordinarily
industrious, and had produced
many a beautiful dress for her
father. But, however, she led a
rather solitary life. When she
was of age, she was married, with
the permission of the King, to a
cowboy, living on the west bank
of the River. The marriage was
all happiness for they loved each
other faithfully. But the princess
eventually became so lazy that
she entirely neglected her work,
and weaved no more for her
father.

The King's Anger.

No doubt the King was enraged,
and as the story goes, the
princess was commanded to de-
part from her husband and was
only allowed to cross the River—
believed to be the "Milky Way"—
to see her husband once a year,
on the 6th night of the 7th moon,
the eve of the festival. The date
has since then been and still is,
observed in memory of, and in
sympathy with, the unfortunate
princess.

This is the only version record-
ed in connection with the festival;
but how far it is true or how it
came about, can only be surmised.

A Beauty Preece.

On the eve of the festival, after
sunset, girls offer sacrifices to the
fairy princess, which consist of
face-powder and various paper
imitations of boudoir requisites.
A basin of water is generally put
on the roof during the night there
to remain till dawn. It is a habit
of the girls to wash their faces in
this water which is said to have
a beautifying effect.

It is also customary that girls,
in the first year of their marriage,
should return, on the eve of the
festival, to their own people, there
to perform a great ceremony, "to
bid adieu to the fairy princess."

Contributed.

PASSING THROUGH.

PASSENGERS BY "PRESIDENT MCKINLEY."

Passengers by the s.s. "Presi-
dent McKinley," which arrived in
Hongkong yesterday from the
North, include:

Hon. William H. Atwell:—
U. S. District Court Judge of
Dallas, Texas, also former Grand
Exalted Ruler of the B.P.O.E.
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OBITUARY.

COL. T. C. GOODMAN.

Word has been received in
Shanghai of the death in the
Walter Read hospital at Washing-
ton of Col. T. C. Goodman.

Colonel Goodman was the
father of Mrs. John W. Schoenfeld
of Shanghai. He was one of the
best known army officers at
Washington and was a relative of
President McKinley.

Colonel Goodman was born in
Canton, Ohio, in 1854, and was
a paymaster of volunteers,
with the rank of major, in 1898.

He was appointed to the same
position and rank in the regular
army in 1901. He was made a
paymaster general, with the rank of
lieutenant colonel in 1911, and was
promoted to colonel in 1915. In September
of 1917 he was retired because of
physical disabilities.

The pall-bearers were Brigadier
General Downey, Captain Ridley
McLean, U. S. N., Colonel O. Bell,
Major Preston, Colonel Shaw and
Colonel Jack Wade. He is survived
by his wife, Mrs. Jeannette W.
Goodman, Mrs. W. E. Walker,
wife of one of the Directors of
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York and Mrs. John W. Schoenfeld
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COUNCIL MEETS.

DR. KOCH TAKES OATH ON JOINING.

TO-DAY'S ATTENDANCE.

The Legislative Council met this
afternoon.

Dr. W. V. M. Koch, who is re-
presenting the unofficial Justices of
the Peace during the absence of
Sir Henry Pollock, took the custo-
mary oath on sitting for the first
time.

The attendance comprised:—

H. E. the Governor (Sir Cecil
Clementi).

H. E. the acting General Officer
commanding the Troops (Lt.-Col.
F. S. Montague Bates).

The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern
(Colonial Secretary).

The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp
(Attorney General).

The Hon. Mr. C. McL. Messer
(Colonial Treasurer).

The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax
(Secretary for Chinese Affairs).

The Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy
(Director of Public Works).

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe
(Captain Superintendent of Police).

ON THE RHINE.

WITHDRAWAL OF FRENCH TROOPS.

A PROMISE KEPT.

Rugby, August 11.

A reduction of the Rhineland Occupation Forces, involving the withdrawal of several thousand French troops, will take effect next month.

It will be recalled that the reduction of these forces was visualised as part of the "Policy of Conciliation" initiated at the time of the Locarno Treaty. When the British troops evacuated the Cologne area and were transferred to Westhoven, their strength was reduced from 15,000 to 9,000; and the Belgian force, when about the same time it was transferred to the second zone, was reduced to between 7,000 and 8,000. Some reductions were also made by the French, who have a great preponderance of occupation troops, but it was hoped that when the pressure of internal politics had relaxed sufficiently to enable him to turn his attention to the subject, M. Briand would give further effect to this conciliatory procedure.

In an interview after the formulation of the present French Government, M. Briand declared his intention to pursue the Locarno policy, and the forthcoming reduction of French troops in Rhineland is regarded in London as indicating the fulfilment of this promise.—British Wireless Service.

RELIGIOUS LAWS.

ARCHBISHOP'S FRESH OVERTURES.

Mexico City, August 11.

Archbishop Vera has again made overtures for a truce, asking President Calles to suspend his religious restrictions until Congress is convened, apparently with the hope that the legislature may enact less severe restrictions.—Reuter.

Coolidge on the Fence.

Paul Smith's (New York), Aug. 11.

In conformity with his decision to maintain a "hands off" attitude as regards the Mexican religious controversy, President Coolidge has declined to receive a delegation of the Knights of Columbus, which desires to present a petition calling on the Secretary of State to terminate the "ignominious contempt" shown by President Calles for Americans by resolutely demanding that they be treated with the same consideration and respect as Mexicans in this country.

The Committee were advised to present the petition and any other protests to the State Department.—Reuter.

Priests Executed.

Mexico City, August 11.

Archbishop Leopoldo Ruiz Flores has arrived from Michoacan. He stated that two priests and 30 laymen were executed by the military authorities August 1 and 2 as ringleaders in the rising against the government in a protest against new religious regulations.

The Archbishop added that a day-long battle was fought at Zahuiyo, where the Catholics refused to hand over the churches to the Municipal Committee. Fifty persons were killed. Federal reinforcements ended the struggle.—Reuter.

WIRELESS ERA.

SERVICE BETWEEN VIENNA AND AMSTERDAM.

FIRST MESSAGE TO QUEEN.

Amsterdam, Aug. 11.

A wireless service between Vienna and Amsterdam was inaugurated by the Dutch Minister in Vienna, Jonkheer van Nispen Totzenaer.

The first telegram was transmitted from the President, Dr. Michael Hainisch, to Queen Wilhelmina.—Reuter.

A WOMAN'S MIND.

"MA" FERGUSON VEERS ONCE AGAIN.

FIELD OF FIGHT STILL.

Austin (Texas), August 11. "Ma" Ferguson has again exercised woman's right to change her mind, a fortnight ago she sportingly announced that did not intend to stand again for the Governorship although Attorney-General Moody was nearly 2,000 votes short of the required majority over all the other candidates for the Governorship.

"Ma" now proclaims in a 2,000 word document that she will again enter the campaign with all her heart.—Reuter.

NO ULTIMATUM.

A NOTE TO BULGARIAN MINISTER.

CONTENTS SECRET.

Sofia Aug. 11. The diplomatic representatives of Yugoslavia, Roumania, and Greece have handed a collective Note to the Foreign Minister, M. Kaitoff, regarding the activities of bands of Comitadjis.

The contents of the Note are not divulged, but officials declare that it is not an ultimatum.—Reuter.

[Reuter wired from London on August 3:—The possibility of trouble in the Balkans is indicated by questions in the House of Commons asking whether steps will be taken to prevent Yugoslav troops entering Bulgaria.

Mr. G. Locker-Lampson, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in reply, said that there is no reason to suppose that troops had yet entered Bulgaria as the result of the recent Comitadjis incident. He added that the Government was closely watching the situation. There was reason to suppose that Yugoslav forces would be ordered to pursue any Macedonian bands crossing the frontier. He understood that the Yugoslav Government proposed to bring the matter to the notice of the League of Nations.]

DETECTIVE KILLED.

SHOT WITH OWN REVOLVER BY NEGRO.

RACE FOR LIBERTY.

New York, Aug. 11.

The whole Police Force have been scouring the city to find a negro who killed with his own revolver at the Police Headquarters a detective, who had just arrested him for stealing a motor car.

The detective brought the prisoner to the Record Office and was bending over a ledger recording the details of the offence when the negro snatched a revolver from the detective's holster and riddled him with three bullets.

There were other policemen in the room, but the murderer rushed out of the office before they were able to grab him. He raced down the corridor, dodging other detectives, and reached the street, where he disappeared amid a salvo of shots from his pursuers.

The negro was discovered wandering in the streets in the Bowery district, and arrested.

Three detectives were killed last week alone whilst fighting desperate criminals.—Reuter.

HUGE FIRE.

SEVEN GREAT OIL TANKS EXPLODE.

FIREMEN BAFFLED.

Baltimore, Aug. 11.

Firemen are battling with a huge conflagration caused by a explosion yesterday evening of seven great tanks, containing half a million gallons of petrol, kerosene, and benzol, on the grounds of the American Oil Company.

Nearly 100,000 people watched the spectacle of the flames shooting 100 feet high, creating a pall of dense smoke.

The intensity of the heat injured seven persons.

The firemen are throwing up a curtain of water to prevent the further spread of the flames, as they are unable to penetrate the fire area.—Reuter.

FRANC RATE.

FLUCTUATES IN LONDON.

London, August 11.

The French franc in London opened at 175½ and soon went to 178.—Reuter.

Closing Rates.

London, August 1. French francs closed at 174.62 and Belgian at 177.34.—Reuter.

FRENCH POLITICS.

PARLIAMENT ADJOURNS TILL OCTOBER.

Paris, August 11.

Parliament has adjourned till the middle of October.—Reuter.

MODERN VICKINGS.

A VOYAGE OF 6,400 MILES.

TINY SHIP'S EXPERIENCE.

Boston, Aug. 11. After a 6,400 miles' voyage from Bergen four modern Vikings have arrived on a tiny ship modelled on that in which Leif Ericsson crossed the Atlantic 900 years ago.

Captain Folger, the leader of the party, said that the trip was uneventful except that they ran short of rations and were caught for several days in icepacks off Labrador.—Reuter.

PEKING GARRISON.

WHY THE COMMANDER RESIGNED.

Peking, August 11.

Wang Hui-ching's resignation from the Garrison Commandership, which was at first believed to be the usual protest against the non-payment of funds for the upkeep of the Metropolitan Police and Military Establishments, now appears to have been a protest against the summary treatment of Lin Pei-hsui, of which he was not informed until the execution was over.—Reuter.

NORTH v. SOUTH.

WU PEI-FU'S CONTEMPT FOR CANTON.

COLLAPSE WILL COME SOON.

Peking, August 11.

Marshal Wu Pei-fu has definitely declared that he will never return to Hankow before the suppression of the North-west army. The Tuan of Hupeh, General Chen Chia-mo, recently sent a special message to the Marshal pointing out to him the extreme danger of the capture of Yochow by the Cantonese troops, which possess sufficient strength to disturb the whole Yangtze Valley.

In reply, Marshal Wu said that he would direct his whole attention to the affairs in the North, leaving the affairs in the South to Marshal Sun Chuan-fang. He did not think it necessary that he should return to Hankow.

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"TIGER'S" LETTER.

POSSIBLE EFFECT IN AMERICA.

PRESIDENT'S INTEREST.

New York, August 11. President Coolidge first learned of M. Clemenceau's letter as he sat by the fireside of his ancestral home in Plymouth. He was so interested that he delayed the departure of his special train from Plymouth until the text was available.

The "New York Times'" correspondent who is following President Coolidge is of opinion that the sole effect of the letter will be to increase the opposition to ratification of the French debt settlement, whilst some of the advisers to the Administration even think that it will tend to strengthen the arguments of the Bonar clique, who contend that the agreement is too lenient.

Other officials who are in close contact with the President— including Senator Ernest, who declares that the language of the letter is insolent and impudent— consider that an attack on American policy from such a distinguished Frenchman demands an official reply.

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Bonar's Views.

Bois (Idaho), August 11.

Senator Bonar has issued a statement, characterising the letter as cruelly misleading in its remarks about the sale and independence of France and as deliberately unjust in regards to America's separate peace treaty. Nevertheless, he says that it is pathetic in M. Clemenceau's manifest love of his country "We can afford to ignore M. Clemenceau's wrath."

Senator Bonar adds:—If they want to cancel their debts let them include all the debts and all the reparations show that the benefit of cancellation will go to all humanity and the betterment of the masses of Europe, and not to the benefit of imperialistic schemers which are now crushing the life out of people who are no sense responsible for the war."—Reuter.

PRINCE OF SIAM.

(Continued from page 1.)

Penang had to pass through Kedah. He himself, however, had passed through without difficulty, he added.

Prince Dahni leaves Hongkong this afternoon for Manila by the s.s. "President McKinley."

The Royal Family.

It may be recalled that one of the Princesses of Siam passed through Hongkong a short time ago on her way to Manila where she intended taking up nursing work.

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THE TWENTY-ONE.

SHANGHAI WAS ONCE THE VENUE.

PAN ASIATIC CONGRESS.

New York, August 11. Nagasaki, August 2.

The Chinese delegate proposed before proceeding with the general discussion, the cancellation of the "Twenty-One Demands" must be decided upon as preliminaries. This resulted in a conflict with the Japanese delegates, Mr. Y. Norimoto, M.P., who was to preside over the meeting, and Messrs. Mori and Nagamine, M.P.S., resigned as Japanese delegates, resenting the proposal made at the very beginning of the Conference. Lin Kopin, a Chinese delegate, stated that the Congress was originally to be convened in Shanghai, but was shelved owing to the fact that Shanghai was in the sphere of influence of Great Britain. Wong Kung-su, another Chinese delegate, emphasised that before uniting the Asiatic races, the establishment of friendship between the Chinese and Japanese nations should not be disregarded. Therefore, Japan should first abolish the "Twenty-one demands" and other treaties of inequality, which are obstructions to friendship. The Asiatic races must not be at variance, otherwise the white races would take a mean advantage of them.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

On Tuesday two fresh Chinese cases of enteric fever were notified, one from the city and one from Kowloon.

Messrs. Lammert Bros. announced a sale of furniture, pianos, cinematograph machines, etc., at their Duddell Street sales rooms on August 18 at 2.30 p.m.

The Eastern Extension Telegraph Co. now notifies that telegraphic communication (from Hongkong) with Tientsin is restored. Communication with Peking is still interrupted; but telegrams will be forwarded by train from Tientsin.

The postponed Kowloon Cricket Club concert is to be given on Saturday evening, the place of Miss Mura Shipoff, the young Russian ballet dancer who has left for Manila, being taken by local artistes. The programme gives promise of being a most entertaining one.

Owing to the poor progress maintained by the contractors during 1925 more work had to be done in this year in connection with the Shek Lai Pui Reservoir in Kowloon. A vote of \$18,000 is therefore asked for at to-day's Finance Committee meeting to cover cost of extra work.

Quebec, Quebec.—The population of Greater Quebec has now reached 1,250,000, according to the new city directory. So far as the City of Quebec proper is concerned, the figures given place it at 250,000 souls. The last Federal census taken in 1921 places the population of Quebec at 98,000.

Cost incurred in providing additional protection to the foundations of the Eastern return of the quay walk at North Point and levelling of pell-mell rubble slopes is the subject of a supplementary expenditure vote of \$10,000 submitted to the Finance Committee at to-day's meeting.

Owing to the dangers of flooding from neighbouring paddy fields it was found necessary in the course of work on the Shung Mun water scheme to construct catch-waters not previously anticipated. The upper portion of the road was constructed on a better alignment than was originally intended, this involving more excavation. To cover cost of extra work a vote of \$15,000 is requested at to-day's meeting of the Finance Committee.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. H. E. Edmonds of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, Singapore, who met with an accident owing to a collision with a motor car, is his friends will be glad to learn, progressing well.

The death of Mr. Morris Gross of the Tientsin A. P. C. accounts department, son of Mr. L. Gross of London at the age of 27, took place in Victoria Hospital, Tientsin from peritonitis. Deceased served with the B. E. F. in France and was invalided out of the Army.

On the 7th inst. Judge Peter Graln in H. B. M.'s Supreme Court Shanghai made absolute the decree nisi obtained by Mrs. Georgian Florence Davis, of Australia, against her husband Mr. Cecil George Davis, of Tientsin. The case was heard in Shanghai six months ago, and no defence was offered by the husband or the respondent.

Penang, August 4.—The petition was heard in the Supreme Court of Paul Domingo, of Singapore, for the dissolution of his marriage with Eulalie Geraldine Domingo nee Jeremiah, quoting J. D. Martinez as co-respondent. The suit was not contested either by the respondent or co-respondent, who admitted cohabitation in the affidavits. The Court granted a decree nisi, to be stayed for three months, the respondent to have the custody of the child born in the marriage, but the petitioner to have access to the child.

Shanghai, August 5.—Mr. Serge Stepanoff, cartoonist, who was admitted into hospital on Monday suffering from a severe heat stroke, followed by paralysis and haemorrhage, and who was not expected to live through the first night is still alive owing to the battle which is being waged for his life by the doctors and nurses interested in the case. Every bit of known medical science has been and is being used by the profession to keep this clever cartoonist alive and it would appear that their efforts are going to be successful as Mr. Stepanoff is holding his own.

Austin, Texas, Aug. 2.—The return of Charles Ponzi, the financial wizard, to Massachusetts to serve a sentence of from seven to ten years for theft, was ordered by Governor Ferguson.

Batavia, July 29.—According to a report received by Aneta from Padang, it is learned that an earthquake shock was felt at Padang Pandjang at 1.20 p.m. on the 28th inst. The shock was rather severe.

Commenting on recent riots in Calcutta, "The Statesman" says the incidents are one more proof of the rawness of tempers and of the determination among some classes of the populace not to respect the orders issued by Government.

A Tokyo cable of August 1 states: The antagonism towards the Governor of the inhabitants of Nagano Prefecture is daily more marked. A boycott by taxpayers is operating, the amount of local taxes collected by to-day the due date, showing much deficit owing to seven-tenths of the taxpayers having failed to pay.

Paris, July 23.—The International Miners' Committee concluded with a private conference which merely confirmed the decisions of the Ostend and Brussels Conferences with regard to the coal stoppage in Great Britain continuing its support of the miners to verbal sympathy. Mr. A. J. Cook, interviewed by "L'Humanité," complained of the attitude of the French and German delegates, "who savagely attacked us for accepting money from Moscow. The Americans alone supported us in this matter."

While wading through shallow water in the swamps at the 9th mile West Coast Road, Singapore, a young Chinese was taken by a large-sized crocodile and pulled away before help could be sent for. A search was made for the body, but no trace was found either of the crocodile or the missing man. The unfortunate youth's brother, who was with him at the time and who saw him being dragged struggling away, states that the crocodile was quite 12 feet in length. The two men were making their way to a boat which was tied up in the water. This is the first casualty of its kind for some time.

Sutherland, Saskatchewan.—The Dominion forestry farm here has been particularly busy during the past month in shipping young trees, destined to become pleasant groves of shelter in nearly 3,000 places in the prairie provinces. Up to the fall of 1923 the Sutherland station had shipped, since its inception, over 17,000,000 trees. For 1924 the total was well over 2,000,000, while in 1925 it was about the same number. This year 3,855,000 were shipped.

London, August 3.—The "Central News" correspondent at Belgrade says to-day that the Jugoslavia war minister has ordered army commanders to pursue the Bulgarian irregulars who have invaded Jugoslavia into Bulgaria. This would be tantamount to war.

Batavia, July 29.—According to a report received by Aneta from the Dutch commandant of the troops stationed at Bakongan, it is learned that up to and including July 24, thirty Acheneese rebels have been killed in Tremon, at which place Dutch troops are making rigorous efforts to rid it of rebels.

Boston, August 3.—Lady Astor told newspaper reporters in the course of a general interview that most of the ill-feeling in England against America on the subject of war debts had been engendered by editorials in the "Daily Mail." She said that they were written in a vein so vituperative that the government was finally obliged to intervene.

The schoolboy's definition of a newspaper editor is worth quoting, says the "Newspaper World": "The editor is one of the happiest men in the world, for he can go to picture palaces without paying, gets free tickets for theatres and concerts, and has lots of wedding cake sent to him. Whilst we have to go to bed early, the editor sits up every night and knows all that is going on."

Kentville, Nova Scotia.—In order to encourage production, the Department of Natural Resources, in conjunction with the Dominion Atlantic Railway, have completed arrangements for a special demonstration train to traverse the territory served by the railway. This train will carry a number of grade dairy cows of various breeds, also swine and poultry. Practical talks and demonstrations will be given at the various scheduled stops.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

SPORTS SECTION

RECORD TIME.

BERESFORD BEATEN IN RETURN.

THAMES SCULLING.

London, Aug. 11.—J. Beresford, junior, has been beaten over the championship course (from Putney to Mortlake) in a sculling race.

On July 30 Beresford set up a record by winning the Wingfield Sculls for the seventh successive year. He then defeated T. Collet on a foul.

It was Collet who defeated Beresford to-day. As a sequel to the Wingfield Sculls match, a private return match was arranged over the same course.

Collet won by 12 length. His time was 21 minutes, 32 seconds, which is 41 seconds inside the record.—Reuter.

C.R.C. CHAMPIONS.

TENNIS LEAGUE, DIV. I NOW DECIDED.

KOWLOON DEFEATED.

Defeating Kowloon Cricket Club yesterday, the Chinese Recreation Club became champions of division I of the Hongkong Lawn Tennis League, after having already won first places in the "B" and "C" sections.

For the losers, that redoubtable veteran S. E. Green and E. C. Fincham put up a great fight, winning all three matches. That is, they beat each of the three Chinese pairs. Scores follow:

Na Sze-kwong and Yew Man-kit lost to S. E. Green and E. C. Fincham 5-7, 6-3, 6-3.

Beat C. E. Millard and E. F. Fincham 5-2, 6-3.

Beat T. Lay and N. Trambitzky 16-1.

Beat C. E. Millard and E. F. Fincham 24-9.

Ho Kai-lun and Yew Man-kit lost to Green and E. C. Fincham 5-6.

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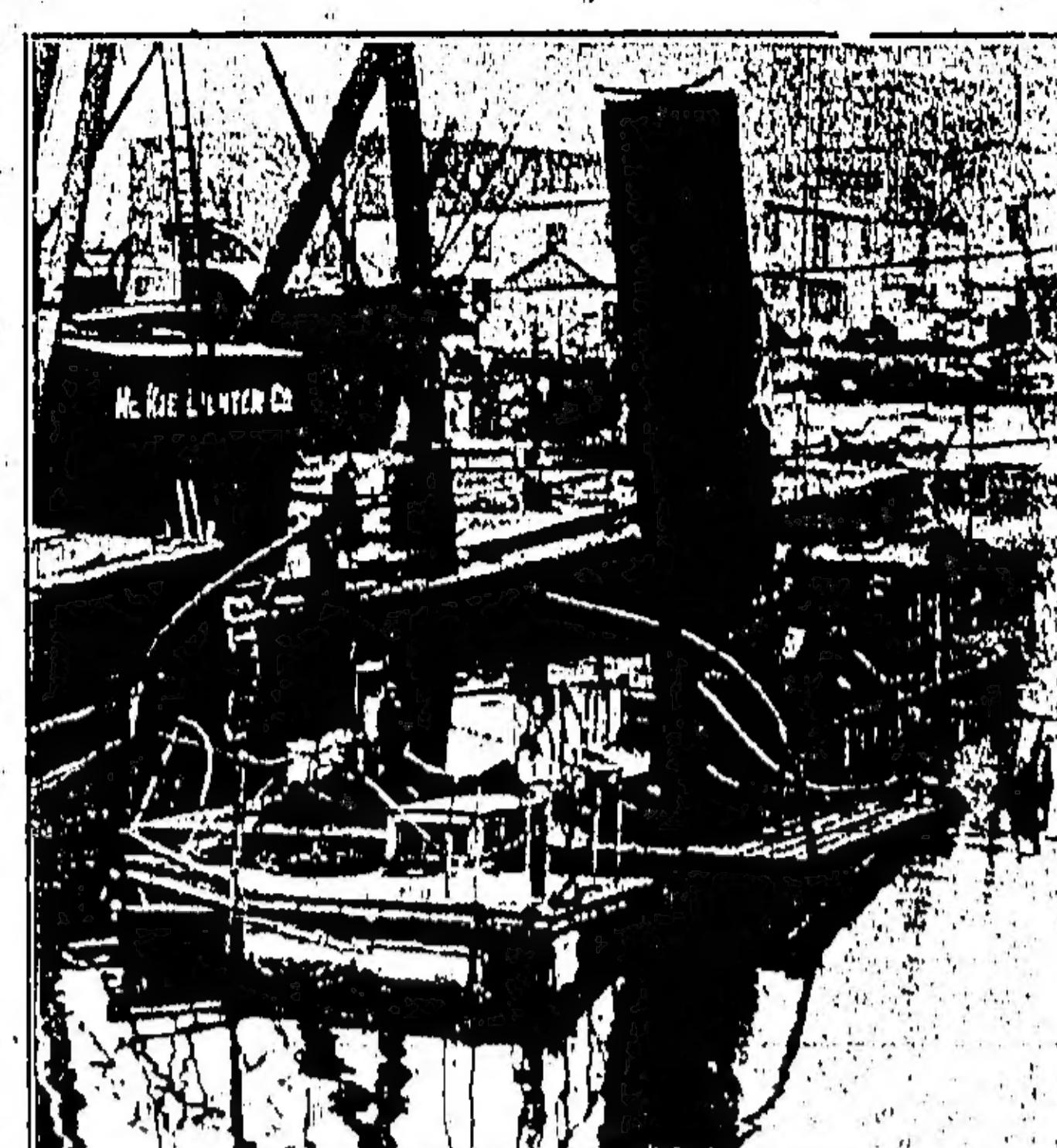
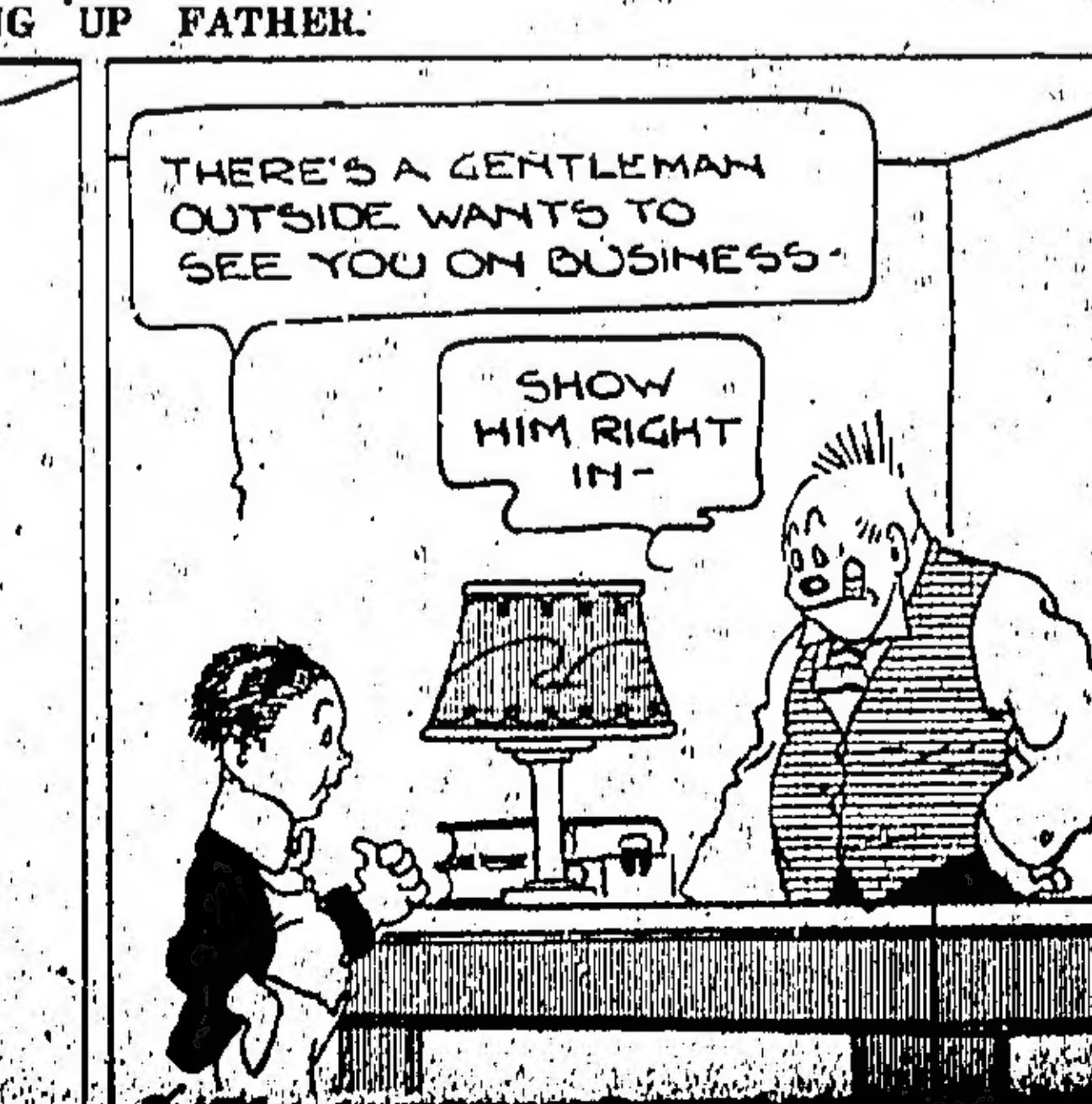
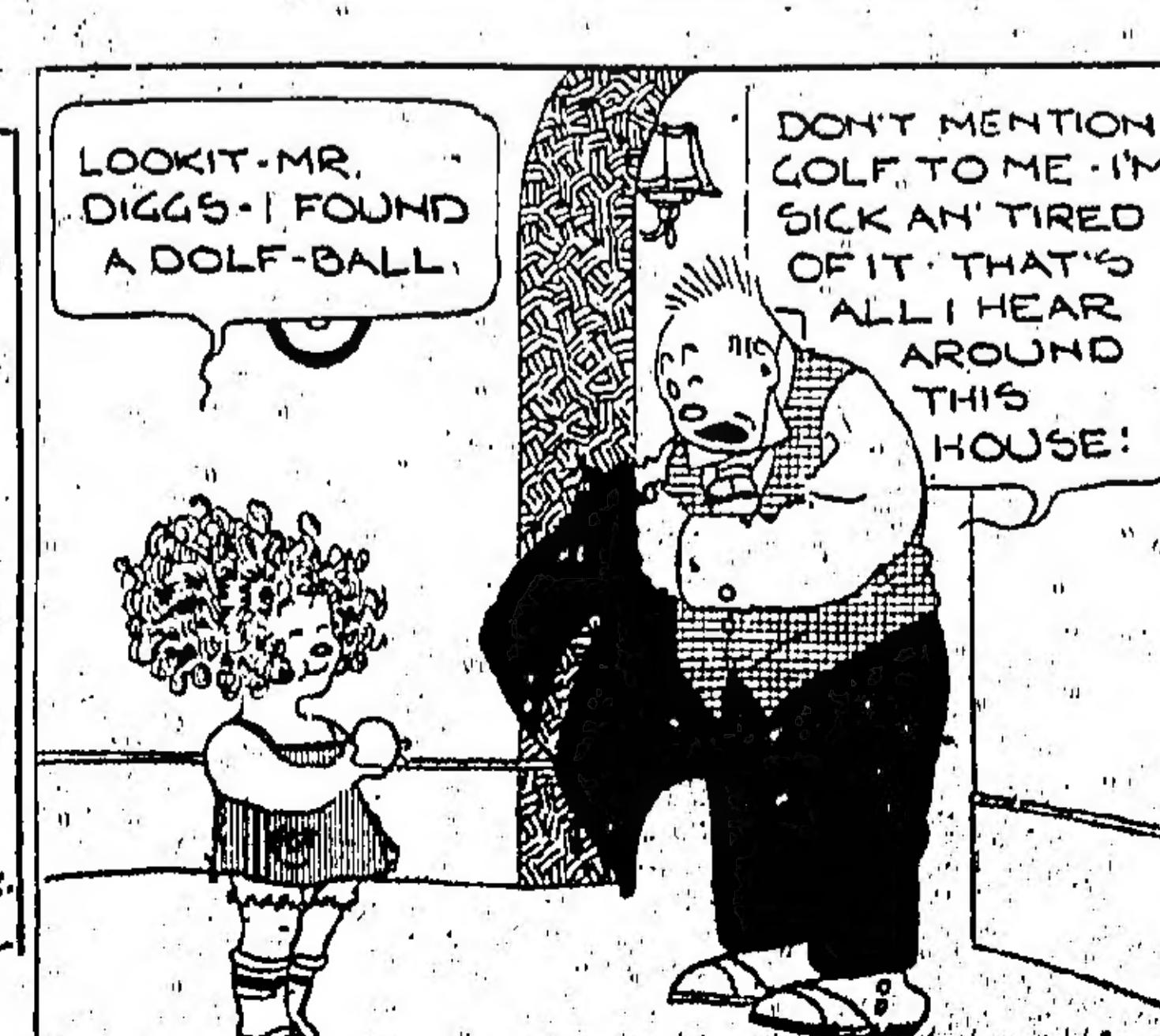
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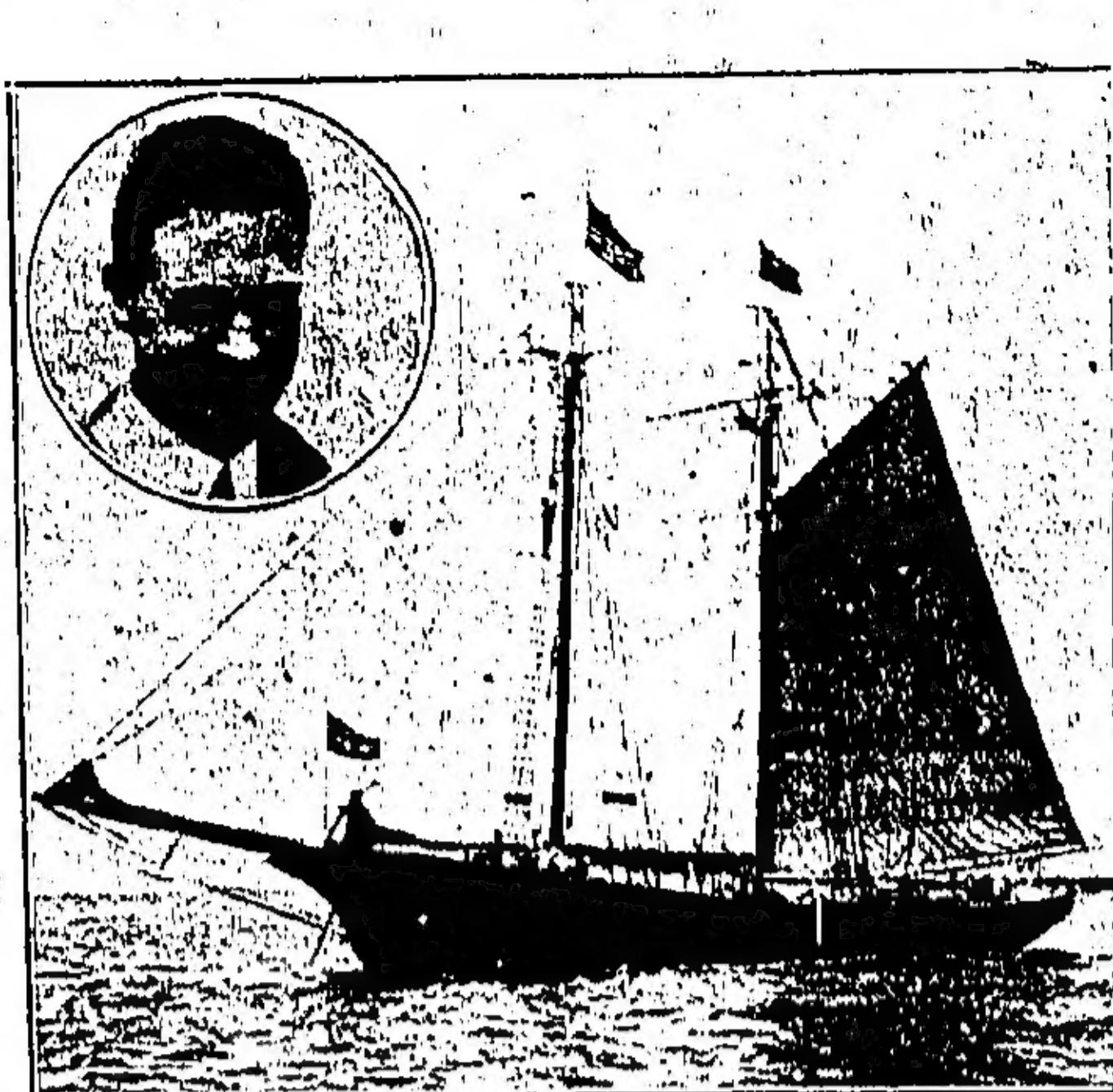
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The steam trawler "Walrus" sank off Federal Wharf, East Boston, without warning, but without loss of life. Three lighters attempted to lift the ship.



Professor Alexander McKejohn, who attracted attention by his dispute with the faculty, whilst President of Amherst College, was married to Helen Everett, daughter of a Brown University Professor, at Boston. McKejohn is now Professor at Wisconsin University.



Mr. Robert E. Peary (inset), son of the discoverer of the North Pole, sailed as engineer of the schooner "Morrissey," which has been sent on a tour of discovery in the Arctic.



Ezra Meeker, who is 85 years old, rode in a covered wagon behind a team of oxen to Oregon 14 years ago. He recently called on President Coolidge to urge him to sign the bill authorizing the marking of the old Oregon Trail.



Sergeant Henry E. Hallowell, oldest member of the Marine Corps, 87 years old, has been in the service 64 years. The Sergeant has been married three times, and has eight children living.



Vincent De Blasio (14) has been awarded the 1926 "Philadelphia Boy Award" as the youngest deemed most worthy of being honoured by the city this year. In spite of the fact that he lost both hands four years ago, he has not been disengaged by his handicap. He has learned to write and also to handle tools, winning a prize for a toboggan he built at the recent fair at which boy's work was exhibited.



Miss Elizabeth Sutherland, beautiful daughter of ex-Senator Howard Sutherland of West Virginia, now Alien Property Custodian, is reported engaged to "Bucky" Harris, manager of the American League Washington team.



Mr. and Mrs. David K. E. Bruce, who were married on May 23 in Washington. Mrs. Bruce was Miss Allan Mellon, daughter of the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Andrew Mellon, and is reported to be the wealthiest heiress in the world. Mr. Bruce is a son of Senator Bruce of Maryland.



Because of her unusual ability to remember faces, Pauline Hout, caused the arrest of a man in New York. She identified a man as having purchased a postcard from her some time ago, and the police held him on charges of subsequently robbing the store.



Harry Houdini, known as the handcuff king, and nemesis of spiritualist frauds, created a sensation when he appeared before a Congressional Committee, demonstrating publicly "spirit" slate writing, during which he "produced" a written message from Benjamin Franklin to Congress-woman Florence P. Kahn of California. During the hearings it was rumoured that even the White House was not free from seances. The photo shows Houdini demonstrating slate writing before the Committee.



These American bowlers, all veterans and experts, represented the United States in the great bowling tournament in Stockholm, Sweden, on June 2, 3 and 5, for the United Bowling Clubs Perpetual Cup.



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THE NEW CLAUSE.

The new "Assignment Clause," as it is almost certain to be known, the first announcement of which appeared in "Journal of Commerce," deals with an aspect of marine insurance which is not generally associated with policy conditions and clauses. Except in one respect, the question of assignment of interests does not concern the underwriters on a marine policy, and it is not necessary for the consent of the insurer to be obtained before making assignment, unless an express stipulation that it shall be obtained is made in the policy.

This stipulation is generally to be found in the policies of mutual association, but it is rare in the case of policies at Lloyd's or with the companies. Indeed, all that concerns an underwriter so far as assignment is concerned, is that he shall be protected against paying claims and returns to the wrong party; and it appears that the new clause is designed "scarcely to cover this point."

The Result of Loose Wordings. As has already been stated, the Marine Insurance Act allows assignment to be made by endorsement or other customary method, and this somewhat loose wording has led to certain practices which have nothing to recommend them. For instance, it has been known that a kind of endorsement has been made on a slip to the effect that underwriters note that the stated party is interested in the insurance and that losses and returns are to be paid to that party. Under the new clause this form of assignment would be entirely invalid, although as the Clauses and Technical Committee have indicated in their recommendation that underwriters should not "note" or "mark" endorsements of assignment, underwriters might seriously prejudice their legal position by putting their initials on such notifications.

Then, again, the concluding portion of the clause, which stipulates that nothing in the clause shall have effect as an agreement by the assureds to a sale or transfer to new management, is necessary, so as to protect their rights under clause 7 of the Institute Time clauses, by which they reserve the right to cancel a policy when the insured vessel is sold or transferred to new management, subject, of course, to certain safeguards which keep the vessel covered until she has completed the adventure on which she may be engaged at the time of sale or transfer. It is to be noted that the clause applied only to insurances covering "Ship-owners' Interests," and it is obvious that it would not be practicable were it applied to cargo insurance, where the policy is a negotiable document which may, and generally does, pass with the sale or transfer of the insured interest.

Actual Effect of New Clause.

As for the actual effect of the new clause, it is to make the policy itself, and nothing but the policy, the instrument by which assignment can be made, so far as the underwriters are concerned. Of course, if the original assured makes assignment other than by the method stipulated in the clause, that assignment may stand good in law as between assignor and assignee, but as between assured and insurer, an irregular assignment does not exist, and in such circumstances it would be necessary for the original assured to collect any claim or return that may become due, and then, under his assignment, to pay the money received to the assignee.

Several other interesting points arise out of the adoption of the new clause, as, for instance, the question of what constitutes a legal assignment. In the earlier editions of "Arnold" it was stated that the mere delivery of a policy with intention to assign was valid assignment, but the editors of the last edition qualify this opinion by stating that it is their belief that the mere delivery of the policy is not now a customary mode of assignment; although it is possible that the policy may be handed over without endorsement with other shipping documents.

Contemplated Action Desirable. In the view of the present writer, this latter opinion appears to apply more to cargo insurance than to the insurance of shipowners' interests, but it is interesting to note that in the authority quoted no distinction in this respect is made.

In conclusion, it may be said that it is believed that it is the intention of the Institute of London Underwriters to include the new clause in the "Institute Time Clauses," and other Institute clauses dealing with the insurance of hulls and hull interests, and that although this will add yet another lengthy clause to a formula which is already of considerable length, there can be no doubt that the contemplated action is desirable in view of the importance of the principle involved.

SMOKING.

INFLUENCE ON MENTAL AND PHYSICAL FITNESS.

"INTELLIGENCE TESTS."

Quite a surprising amount of attention at present is being devoted by research workers, both in America and in Germany, to the influence of tobacco on mental and physical fitness. For the purpose of determining the effects on health of the various forms of smoking most elaborate "intelligence tests" are being employed, and, further, efforts have been made recently to discover the relative number of scholarships won by smokers and non-smokers.

It cannot be said that any very considerable result has been obtained in this labour, though the statement has been made that, on the whole, non-smokers pass the intelligence tests with greater credit than their less abstemious companions. Nor have the researchers in the physical field which have been carried out side by side with those in the mental field led to more decisive findings. There is a widespread idea that smoking in any form is detrimental to the athlete in training. Cases, however, have come to light during the research work in America which show that this opinion is not always correct.

Effects on Muscular Effort.

In some instances, at any rate, tobacco exercises little, if any, ill effect on those preparing for extreme forms of muscular effort. Thus Dr. Rosslyn Earp, who carried out a series of studies of the differences between smokers and non-smokers at Antioch College, Ohio, found that of 177 smokers, twenty-one had obtained college "letters" or colours, while of 176 non-smokers the same number had been similarly successful. Among the non-smokers fifty-six got "letters" at school, whereas seventy-four of the smokers were favoured in this respect. As the "Lancet" observes, in commenting on this research, "by this criterion the non-smokers show no athletic superiority."

Medical Views.

The case against smoking, in short, is a poor one, so far as it is based on medical considerations. Recently Sir Humphry Rolleston, in the course of a lecture on "The Medical Aspects of Tobacco," called attention to the comparative rarity of undoubted lesions due to smoking, and, further, offered the suggestion that the injurious effects of excessive smoking are "materially" augmented by, if not in part due to, simultaneous alcoholism.

Sir Humphry declared that, though tobacco had dropped out of the British Pharmacopoeia, it certainly had its uses, especially as a sedative. It might act "as a charm for the fidgets." On this ground smoking would seem to deserve inclusion among the agencies of civilisation.

Unfulfilled Calamities!

In any case, it is certain that the calamities which from time to time have been foretold as a consequence of addiction to pipes, cigars, or cigarettes have not often occurred. Nor have the warnings uttered by physicians in the past against smoking by women found any evident fulfilment. There is nothing easier than to ascribe a breakdown in health to "cigarettes" or smoking in general.

But, as now appears, the collection of trustworthy evidence in support of such a view is fraught with very great difficulty. Indeed it may well be, as has recently been suggested, that persons of nervous disposition and unfit persons take to smoking as a means of relief and, finding relief, consume larger quantities of tobacco than their healthier neighbours.

HOT WEATHER DIET.

Mistakes Many People Make.

Many people lose their appetite at this time of year, and from this draw conclusions that they are not medically sound. Some say that in summer the body does not require so many meals, but that is wrong.

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ELECTRICITY BILL.

IMPOSES A BURDEN ON THE USER.

SAY EXPERTS.

The discussion of the Electricity Bill in Committee has now begun, and during its progress its critics will doubtless define their objections in detail and submit amendments. Its promoters will also have the opportunity of explaining more exactly than is conveyed in the terms of the Bill, how its various provisions are expected to work, and the perspective in which they are intended to be viewed. Already, for example, the Attorney-General has made clear the fundamental importance that is attached to the Central Electricity Board's function of supplying current. The power that the Bill gives the Board to delegate this function to other bodies is, it is true, now proposed to be limited to authorised undertakers; but as these include joint electrical authorities, power companies, municipalities, and distributing companies, the restriction is not very material for practical purposes.

Outside the Parliamentary Committee, however, a considerable and weighty volume of expert opinion has maintained on behalf of the existing power companies the objections that are felt to the Bill as it stands at present. In a joint letter signed by representatives of these bodies both on the administrative and the engineering sides, of whose eminence and experience there can be no question, what seems to be a general feeling is summed up in firm and moderate terms. The writers, while not opposed in principle to standardisation and interconnection, are satisfied that the cost of a general standardisation of frequency has been seriously underestimated by the technical advisers of the Government, and could not be borne by the electricity supply industry without imposing a burden upon the users of electricity. The provisions of the Bill would hinder the economic development of electricity supply. The dual control it sets up would diminish efficiency by interfering needlessly with responsible management. It introduces further bureaucratic administration without financial responsibility. It discourages enterprise by importing terms of compulsory expropriation that are unfair to investors, and endanger their prospect of earning a fair return on capital.

These statements relate mostly to matters of opinion, backed doubtless by authority that must command respectful attention, but contradicted by such opinion as is embodied in the Weir report, and whatever other advice the Government has taken before framing its Bill. In the "English Review" for last month, however, one of the signatories to this letter, Mr. W. B. Woodhouse, the engineer and manager of the Yorkshire Electric Power Company, has contributed a short article on the same subject in rather more detail. In general terms he represents the Central Electricity Board as in effect the executive officials of the Electricity Commissioners, authorised both to supply electricity in the whole of the country and to control in detail the working of the principal stations and authorised suppliers, with whom in some cases they compete. The capital required for their initial operations, \$3,500,000, is to be guaranteed by the Treasury, and their expenses, over which neither Parliament nor the industry is to have any control, together with any losses on their trading, are to be charged to the electrical industry. The State trading and the dual control of commercial undertakings, together with the compulsory expropriation and interference with private enterprise, are prima facie objections, which suggest the question whether they are necessary to the purpose of extending the use of electricity by reducing its cost.—Engineering.

SUN'S PHASES.

Calendar for August.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hongkong for August, 1926. (Standard Time for the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich).

Date.	Sunrise	Sunset
August 12	6.59	6.58
13	6.59	6.57
14	6.59	6.56
15	6.00	6.54
16	6.01	6.52
17	6.01	6.50
18	6.01	6.48
19	6.02	6.46
20	6.02	6.45
21	6.02	6.44
22	6.03	6.43
23	6.03	6.42
24	6.03	6.41
25	6.03	6.40
26	6.04	6.39
27	6.04	6.38
28	6.04	6.37
29	6.04	6.36
30	6.05	6.35
31	6.05	6.42

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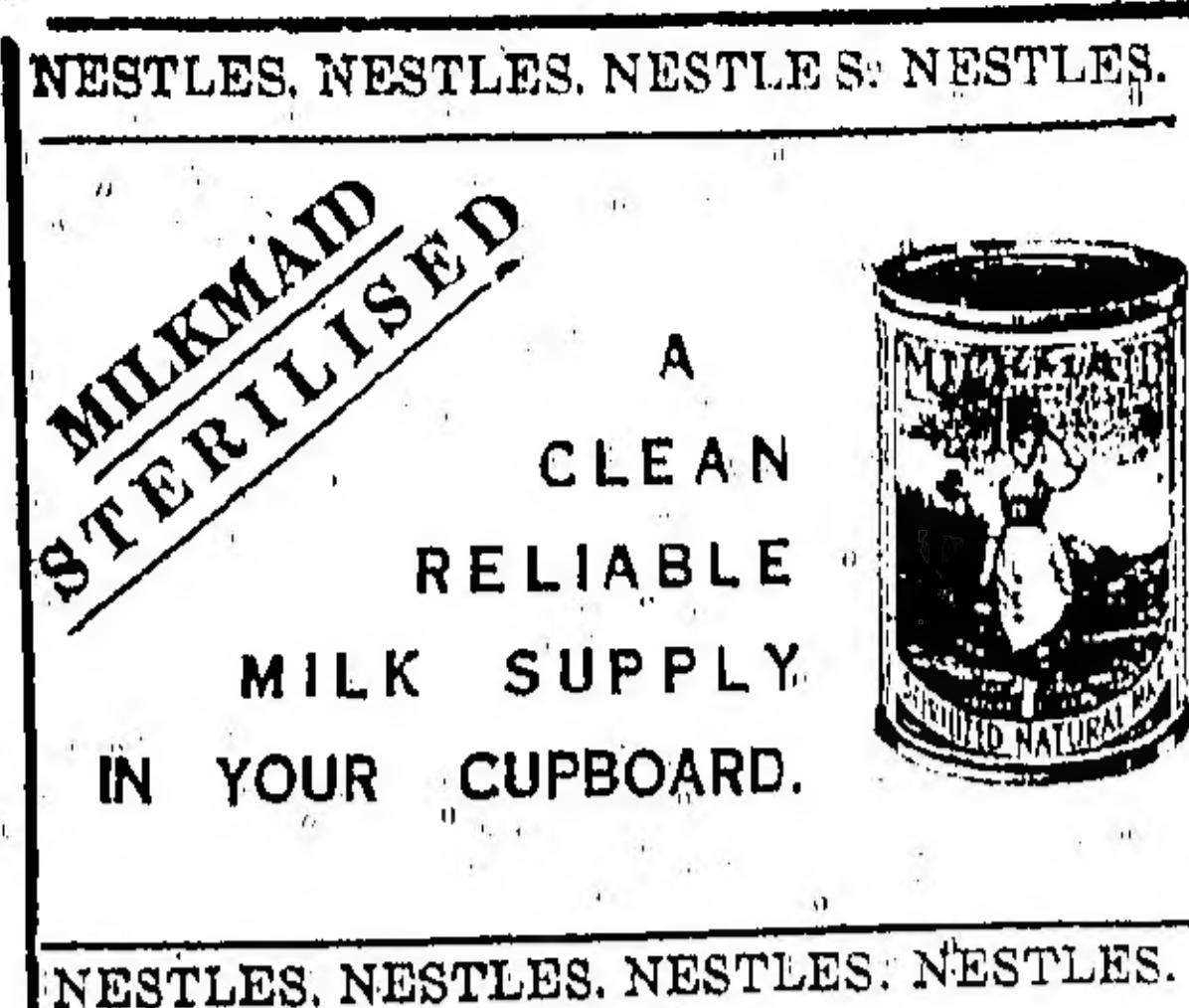
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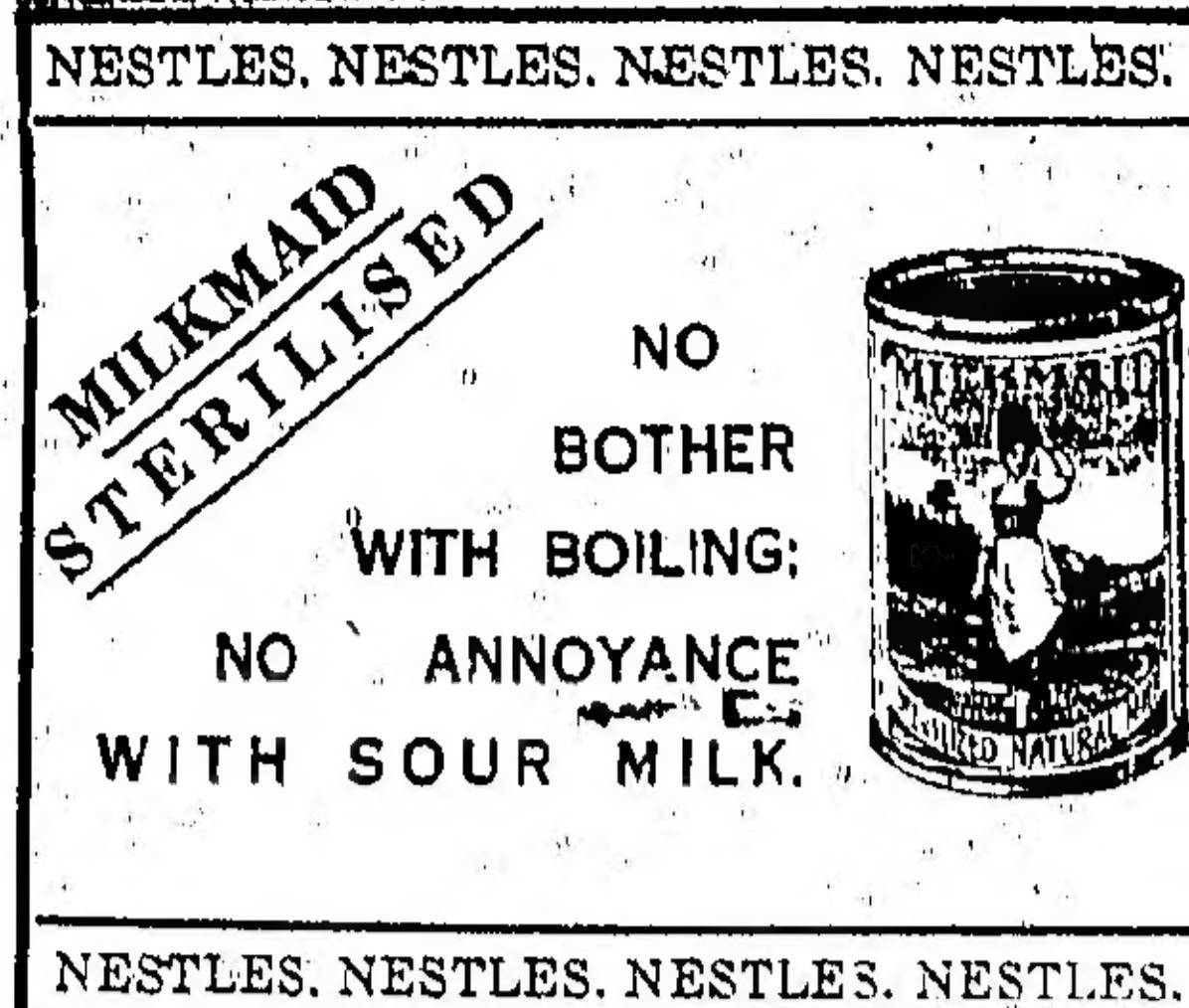


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TUESDAY, AUGUST 20. Amakaze
Saigon
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For THURSDAY, AUGUST 12.

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Shanghai
Bangkok SATURDAY, AUGUST 13. Sungs
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COAL CRISIS.

MOVEMENT FOR DISTRICT SETTLEMENTS.

A FRESH IMPETUS.

Rugby, August 11.

The rejection of the proposals of the Industrial Christian Fellowship for a settlement of the coal dispute has resulted in increased interest being taken in the movement for settlements by districts as distinct from a national settlement.

It is stated that a joint meeting called by the owners of the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire pits to consider new terms of employment has been summoned at the request of the miners in that area, and the fact that the result of the district voting has temporarily robbed the Miners' Executive of a positive policy to end the dispute will, it is suggested, give an impetus to local settlements.

For Rank and File.

The Secretary of the Miners' Federation, Mr. A. J. Cook, however, does not believe that the remarkable solidarity of the miners during the past fourteen weeks has suffered. He anticipates that at Monday's delegate conference, when the result of the voting will be made known, the miners will firmly accept their responsibilities, and with their leaders will review the whole position. The issue, he says, is now one for the rank and file.

Voting Methods Criticised.

There has been much criticism of the manner in which the vote of the miners was taken. With the exception of Derbyshire, where there was a ballot, the decision was made at district lodges or mass meetings, some of which were but sparsely attended. The decision reached by a majority in a lodge carried with the whole voting strength of that district, and it is suggested that a vote taken by such means does not adequately reflect the opinion of the miners generally.

Clerical Efforts.

A statement issued this evening on behalf of the Industrial Christian Fellowship states that the standing conference of Anglicans and Free Church men has resolved to continue its efforts to promote a just settlement of the coal dispute.

It is stated that the relations between the Miners' Federation and the group of Church leaders remain very cordial—British Wireless Service.

Employers Invite Men To Conference.

London, August 11. A definite step toward resumption has been taken by the coal owners of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, who are inviting the Derbyshire Miners' Association to a joint meeting with a view to endeavour to reach a settlement.—Reuter.

Dutch Coal.

Rotterdam, August 11. The harbour was completely "sold out" at the beginning of the week in consequence of 167 vessels occupying anchorage. The majority came in bunker or to fetch coal cargoes. New arrivals are held up outside the New Waterway and will have to enter in turn.—Reuter.

Fires in Many Pits.

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COBHAM'S FLIGHT.

Sydney, August 11.

Cobham has arrived here.—Reuter.

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WHAT NEW EXPERIMENTS MAY LEAD TO.

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What is described as probably the most sensational paper for years at a meeting of the British Association has been given by Mr. J. J. Manley, describing complex experiments suggesting the existence of a combination between helium and mercury. He declared that Professor Soddy, who was interested in mercury, had suggested the method whereby experiments might be carried to a conclusive issue.

Professor Thorpe, president of the section, expressed the hope that by next year's meeting, the first known combination of helium with another element would be demonstrated.—Reuter.

SUNK SUBMARINE.

BODIES OF THE VICTIMS LOCATED.

London, August 11.

The Salvage Corps have located the bodies of the missing men on submarine H29 which was sunk at Devonport.—Reuter.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

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